permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal rural Areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly Areas.

It is further to be ensured that as a result of the opening of a new post office, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increases beyond the permissible limit nor is its income reduced below the minimum prescribed.

(b) In Urban Areas:

In Urban areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting and at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2kms. in other urban areas. No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 kms. for each other.

Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

A Delivery Post Office in Urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmen's beats.

Modernisation of communication facilities in Maharashtra

2234. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand capacity of the existing telephone exchanges by providing modern communication facility in Maharashtra during the year 2003-2004:

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the funds provided by Government for the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MTNL has added 9.91 K landline capacity in Mumbai during 2003-04. District-wise details of landline capacity expansion by BSNL in Maharashtra excluding Mumbai, are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below):

(c) The Government Telecom PSUs, *viz* MTNL and BSNL have provided total funds amounting to Rs. 433.96 crores and Rs. 780.89 crores respectively for development in Maharashtra during the year 2003-04.

Statement

SSA—wise capacity expanded in the existing telephone exchange in Maharashtra by BSNL

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	Net Capacity added
1.	Ahmednagar	67486
2.	Akola-Washim	7048
3.	Amravati	6240
4.	Aurangabad	16628
5.	Beed	8276
6.	Bhandara-Gondia	3860
7.	Buldhana	3084
8.	Chandrapur	10316
9.	Dhule-Nandurbar	9370
10.	Gadchiroli	1060
11.	Jalgaon	14064
12.	Jalna	7230
13.	Kalyan	27672
14.	Kolhapur	40984
15.	Latur	17012
16.	Nagpur	21960
17.	Nanded	12424
18.	Nashik	32686
19.	North Goa-South Goa	10494
20.	Osmanabad	15074
21.	Parbhani-Hingoli	6016
22.	Pune	59170
23.	Raigad	41344
24.	Ratnagiri	11304

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	Net Capacity added
25.	Sangli	58832
26.	Satara	32112
27.	Sindhudurg	6732
28.	Solapur	40018
29.	Wardha	5628
30.	Yavatmal	8260
	Grand Total:	682384

Defacing of Indian websites by Pakistan

2235.SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hacking or defacing of the Indian websites by Pakistan is on the rise;

(b) if so, the details of websites hacked by Pakistan during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the action Government have contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There is increase in the total Indian websites hacked or defaced as compared to the previous years. However, it is not possible to track the source of attack to an Internet Protocol (IP) address emanating from Pakistan.

(b) The total No. of Indian websites hacked or defaced by various hacker groups during the last three years are given as under

Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004 (till November)
288	1687	1480

(c) Government of India have set up the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) which has twin role of promoting cyber security and helping organizations recover from computer security incidents through appropriate help and guidance. A number of Advisories have been issued by CERT—In which the organizations in India are expected to implement